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RESPONSE

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Sir:

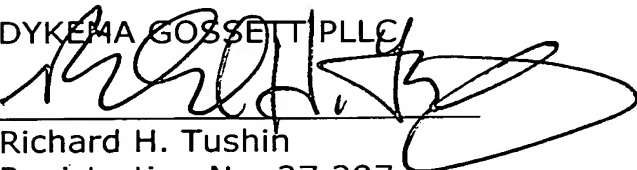
In the Office Action of December 7, 2006 the examiner has set forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 among claims 21-27 (Group I invention), claims 28-35 (Group II invention), claim 36 (Group III invention), and claims 37-41 (Group IV invention).

However, this application is a U.S. national phase application of PCT/AT2004/000244, and thus the standard that should be applied is "unity of invention," not 35 U.S.C. 121. The restriction is therefor traversed.

For completeness of response, the inventors elect the Group I invention (claims 21-27).

Respectfully submitted,

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